

Welcome!

An Overview on College Admission

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Agenda

- College Admission Requirements
- Community Colleges (transfer/vocational)
- CA Public Universities (UC/CSU)
- Private Colleges/Universities
- Out-of-State Public Universities
- Sending Required Documents
- Financial Aid / Scholarships
- Closing (Questions)

A-G Course Requirements (UC/CSU)

Meet minimum *A-G course requirements before graduation:

- a) English (4yrs)
- b) Math (3 yrs, Algebra 1 or higher, 7th/8th gr included)
- c) Lab Science (2 yrs, must include life and physical)
- d) Social Science (2 yrs)
- e) World Language (2yrs)
- f) Visual/Performing Arts (1 yr)
- g) College Prep Elective (an additional year from a-f)

*A-G courses are noted on transcript with “P” or “HP” after the course title. Ex: Biology-P, AS English III-HP, etc.

Testing Requirements

- SAT with writing or ACT with writing (UC and several competitive private colleges)
- SAT/ACT with or without writing (CSU and possibly other out-of-state public universities)
- Students generally take exams in spring, Junior Yr
- Dec (12th gr): last test date accepted by most UC/CSU
- Scores must arrive by application deadline (privates)
- Some campuses and majors recommend subject tests
- Check campus admission website to confirm.

Community Colleges

Community colleges offer transfer programs and vocational/certificate programs.

Apply (online) early spring semester, Senior year

Check college's admission website for next steps.

Such as:

- Identify an educational goal
- Complete College Orientation (possibly online)
- Meet with counselor to create an Education Plan
- Register for Classes & Pay Fees

Vocational/Certificate Programs

Examples of vocational, certificate programs:

- Skyline → Automotive
- CSM → Firefighter, Nursing, Cosmetology
- Canada → Radiology
- Apprenticeship programs vary by campus

Visit website for details and/or possible additional application to their program.

Community College Transfer Programs

CA Comm Colleges offer guaranteed transfer programs to **most** UC & CSU campuses.

- **UC TAG** (Transfer Admission Guarantee)
- **CSU ADT** (Associate Degree Transfer)

Some agreements require certain college GPAs for impacted majors.

Assist.org is a great tool to explore majors and transfer requirements.

California State University



California State University (CSU)

- Career-focused, hands-on, sem system, commuter
- One application for up to 23 campuses
- \$70 to apply to each campus (fee waivers available)
- Apply online, **OCTOBER - NOVEMBER**
- A-G GPA, SAT/ACT scores & chosen major may affect chances for admission (SF State Guarantee)
 - “Impacted” & “non-impacted” campuses/major
 - Some campuses (Cal Poly, San Diego, etc.) also consider courses in preparation for intended major
 - No essays. No list of activities.

University of California (UC)



University of California (UC)

- Liberal Arts (Critical Thinking & Research)
- Quarter system (except for Cal & Merced)
- Submit one online application for up to 9 campuses
- \$70 to apply to each campus (fee waivers available)
- Application **opens in August** (to work on personal insight questions, extracurricular activities, etc.)
- Can only submit during the month of **NOVEMBER**
- Some campuses and/or majors are more selective
- Holistic/Comprehensive Review (14 factors)

14 Factors considered in Holistic Review

1. GPA
2. Test scores (highest test date)
3. Performance beyond minimum A-G
4. UC-approved honors/AP/CL
5. ELC (Eligibility in the Local Context)
6. Rigor (especially Senior year)
7. Academic enrichment (outside of school)
8. Achievements in academic subject areas

14 Factors continued

9. Achievements in special projects
10. Marked academic improvement
11. Special talents, achievements/awards
12. Educational preparation programs
13. Academic achievement in light of life experiences
14. Geographic location

No single factor determines admission

Private Colleges (Common App)

- Most private colleges accept Common App
- Deadlines (vary: EA / ED / Regular Decision)
- Teacher & Counselor rec letters (required)
- Some also require supplemental essays
- Follow Naviance instructions for rec letters
- Admission is primarily based on college fit
(check previous admitted class profile)

Out-of-State Public Universities

- Tuition for out-of-state applicants differs
- Most have plenty of space.
- Some cost less than UC/CSU
- Some offer “in-state” tuition breaks, visit <http://wiche.edu/wue>
- Admission requirements may differ from A-G
- Some accept Common App

Sending Required Documents

- Students must send scores from SAT/ACT portal(s)
- Send official SAT/ACT scores by campus deadlines
 - UC/CSU: Send to one UC/CSU campus
 - Send to other campuses individually
- High School (and possibly community college)
Transcripts:
 - UC do not send
 - CSU do not send, unless requested
 - Common App: Counselors include initial transcripts with School Report and recommendation letter
 - Other campuses: check websites

Financial Aid

- Types of Financial aid:
 - Federal, State and Institutional grants (do not have to repay);
 - Student and parent loans; and
 - Work study.
- Complete 2020-2021 FAFSA online at fafsa.gov
- PPY = 2018 Tax Information
- Apply October - Mar 2nd during 12th grade
- Cash for College - cash4college.csac.ca.gov
- Apply each year in college (renew FAFSA)
- Undocumented students use the Dream Act Application (dream.csac.ca.gov/)

Financial Aid (cont'd)

- Meet March 2nd deadline and list a CA school on FAFSA to be considered for Cal Grants & Middle Class Scholarships
- In addition to FAFSA, private colleges may also require CSS Profile (College Board website) or own campus application
- Privates may have an earlier (priority) deadline
- When reviewing financial aid notices from colleges, check dates for when the notice was processed
- Community College - Promise Scholars Program
- Scholarships - check Naviance, financial aid websites, parent employer, etc.

Final Comments/Questions

- Remind students to check emails, portals, and/or websites to avoid missing deadlines and/or additional requests for documents by colleges.
- Students do not have to send AP scores to colleges as part of the admission process.
- College application links are located on Naviance homepage.

Thank you!